

**United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri**  
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**Barry S. Schermer**

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Washington U (MO) 1973 JD  
Began Service: 1986  
Term Expires: October 14, 2014

**Affiliation:** Bankruptcy Judge, Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Barry S. Schermer, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Eighth Circuit

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Washington University School of Law

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**Kathy A. Surratt-States**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: January 4, 1967  
Education: Oklahoma City 1988 BA; Washington U (MO) 1991 JD  
Began Service: March 17, 2003  
Term Expires: March 2017

**Clerkships:** Judicial Intern, Bankruptcy Judge Barry S. Schermer, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (1989); Law Clerk, Bankruptcy Judge James J. Barta, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (1991-1993)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Campbell & Coyne, P.C. (1993-1998); Associate, Ziercher & Hocker, P.C. (1998-1999); Principal, Ziercher & Hocker, P.C. (2000-2001); Member, Husch & Eppenberger, LLC (2001-2003)

**Current Memberships:** The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; The Missouri Bar Association; Mound City Bar Association

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**Charles E. Rendlen III**

Bankruptcy Judge

Education: William Jewell 1972 BS; Missouri 1976 JD  
Began Service: May 2006  
Term Expires: May 23, 2020

**Government:** U.S. Trustee, Region 13, Executive Office for United States Trustees, United States Department of Justice (2003-2006)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, The Rendlen Law Firm, P.C. (1976-1979); Partner, The Rendlen Law Firm, P.C. (1979-1991); Managing Partner, The Rendlen Law Firm, P.C. (1991-2003)

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**Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr.**

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Pittsburg State 1970 BS; Missouri (Kansas City) 1974 JD  
Began Service: 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Corporate:** Attorney, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (1974-1980)

**Judicial:** Judge, Missouri Circuit Court, 16th Judicial Circuit (1980-1986); Judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District (1986-1991)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; Jackson County Bar Association; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; The Missouri Bar Association

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**Ortrie D. Smith**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Missouri BA, JD  
Began Service: August 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Ewing, Smith, & Hoberock (1971-1995)

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**Gary A. Fenner**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Kansas 1970 BA; Missouri (Kansas City) 1973 JD  
Began Service: July 26, 1996  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Business Law Instructor (part-time), Webster College (1976-1977)

**Chambers of District Judge Gary A. Fenner** *continued*

**Government:** Assistant City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Saint Joseph, Missouri (1973-1977); Councilman, Office of the City Council, City of Saint Joseph, Missouri (1977-1978)

**Judicial:** Judge, Missouri Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit (1979-1988); Judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District (1988-1996)

**Legal Practice:** Associate of Daniel M. Czamanske, Attorney at Law (1973); Partner, Shoemaker, Summers and Fenner (1977-1978)

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**Nanette Kay Laughrey**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: UCLA 1967 BA; Missouri 1975 JD  
Began Service: August 26, 1996  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton



**Academic:** Associate Professor of Law, University of Missouri School of Law (1983-1987); Professor of Law, University of Missouri School of Law (1987-1989); William H. Pittman Professor of Law, University of Missouri School of Law (1989-1996); Visiting Professor of Law, University of Iowa College of Law (1990)

**Government:** Volunteer, AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America, Corporation for National and Community Service (1969-1972); Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Missouri (1975-1979); Commissioner, Columbia Arts Commission, City of Columbia, Missouri (1986-1988); Commissioner, Housing Authority, City of Columbia, Missouri (1992-1998); Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Missouri (1992-1993)

**Judicial:** Judge, Municipal Court, City of Columbia, Missouri (1979-1983)

**Legal Practice:** Staff Attorney (part-time), Craig Van Matre, P.C. (1980-1983)

**Nonprofit:** Director, Voluntary Action Center (1972)

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